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DOUGLAS LIBEL CASE.

WINSTON IN THE WITNESS BOX.

DARDANELLES GAMBLE EXPLAINED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 11.

At the continued hearing of the Douglas case, the Old Bailey was crowded. Mrs. Churchill and a number of well-dressed women were present. Mr. Churchill, cross-examined, did not agree to the suggestion of prisoner's counsel, Mr. Hayes, that his explanation of why he went to the Admiralty shortly after Jutland was untrue. Counsel drew attention to a leader in the *Morning Post* alleging that Mr. Churchill was incapable of realising the truth. Mr. Churchill replied that he did not read all the abuse slung about at election time. He would not take action against the *Morning Post* until he had consulted his legal advisers. Mr. Hayes suggested that owing to Mr. Churchill's blunders in the war there was a great loss of life, therefore the publication of the alleged libel was to the public benefit. Mr. Churchill agreed that it would be most important that he should be punished if such foul charges were true. He went to Antwerp with the full authority of Lord Kitchener and Earl Grey. The best naval authorities believed that the Dardanelles could have been rushed. The stakes of the Dardanelles "gamble" were not human lives but old battleships. The whole object was to save lives by avoiding terrible frontal attacks in France. He firmly believed he was right in trying to carry out the scheme. He admitted that he made £15,000 out of his book "The World Crisis."

"MONEY OUT OF THE YANKS."

Mr. Churchill denied that he told Captain Harold Spencer at Dundee in 1919, referring to the Jutland affair that "we got money out of the Yanks." Mr. Churchill was in the witness box for nearly six hours. Vice-Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver, and Sir James Masterton Smith gave evidence that Mr. Churchill had nothing to do with the preparation of the Jutland communiqué. The hearing was adjourned.

REPARATIONS INQUIRIES.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE DEFINED.

WASHINGTON, December 11.

It is announced that the Government would view with favour the participation of American economic experts in a private capacity in Reparations Commission Enquiry Committees though it is unable to participate officially or appoint a representative.

LATER.

It is officially intimated that the fact that the invitation is supported by all the Allied Governments and also Germany is regarded as important since the unanimity of the European powers has always been insisted on as requisite to effective American aid. The American interest in the investigation is regarded here as chiefly due to the fact that the Government is one of Germany's principal creditors.

LATER.

An official statement says the Government believes the proposed reparations enquiry would be of great value.

CHINESE BONDS.

STOCK EXCHANGE WARNING.

LONDON, December 11.

The Stock Exchange Committee announces that it has learned that unless certain special declarations are signed by the presenter of coupons and bonds, the Chinese Government declines to pay either interest or principal to the holders of bonds issued in Germany of Chinese "fives" (1896), "four and a half" (1898), and Hu Kuang's "fives" (1911). The Committee has informed the agents that unless the issue of such bonds are carried out in full they will not in future grant a quotation for any new issue. Further, unless satisfactory answers are received it will take into consideration the removal from the daily official list of such of the loans already quoted as contain bonds whose coupons have not been met in accordance with the terms of issue. A similar warning has been issued in respect of the London issue of Rumanian "four and a half" (1913).

MEXICAN REVOLT.

REBELS' SUCCESS.

VERA CRUZ, December 11.

The revolutionary headquarters has received a wireless message stating that the garrison at Tampico has joined the revolutionaries. If true this means that the rebels control the entire coast from the Gulf of Mexico. A general advance against Mexico City began to-day. The rebels reached Oriental, midway between Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ATTACKED.

LONDON, December 11.

An apparently censored message from Reuter's Lisbon correspondent shows that the presidential palace was attacked with a view to the overthrow of the government. The guard repulsed the attack which was apparently carried out by extremists supported by the garrison and a destroyer. The situation is now normal.

PREMIERSHIP PROBLEM.

DOWNING STREET DECISION.

MR. BALDWIN TO CARRY ON.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 11.

Cabinet met at noon, the only absentees being Lord Robert Cecil, Lord Salisbury and Viscount Novar. It considered the political situation and broke up at 1.30 p.m. An official announcement will be made in the evening, but it is understood that Mr. Baldwin will carry on at the head of the Government, having received assurances of support from all his ministerial colleagues and members of the party generally.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

LATER.

It is officially announced from Downing Street that after careful consideration of constitutional precedents and their bearing upon the situation, which has arisen as a result of the general election, the Cabinet has decided unanimously that it is their constitutional duty to meet Parliament at the earliest possible moment. Parliament will therefore re-assemble as already provided on January 8.

LATEST RESULT.

LONDON, December 11.

The result of the Orkney and Shetland contest was—

Sir R. T. Hamilton (Liberal), 5,129.

Mr. Boothby (Conservative), 4,318.

LATER.

Mr. Baldwin in short interviews with Mr. Asquith, and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald communicated to them, as an act of courtesy, his decision to remain in office until parliament meets.

INTER-VARSITY RUGGER.

OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE.

A STRENUOUS TUSSELE.

LONDON, December 11.

At Twickenham the Inter-Varsity Rugger match was played in fine weather before a crowd of 15,000, including His Majesty the King. Oxford beat Cambridge by 21 points to 14.

The match was a sensational start, Oxford scoring after three minutes through Smith, Lawton converting. Cambridge rallied and transferred the play to the Oxford half, their forwards for a time controlling the game. After fifteen minutes Francis scored for Cambridge from a penalty with a beautiful dropkick. Two minutes later Wickes beat six men and scored a wonderful try for Cambridge, Francis failing to convert. Macpherson scored a try for Oxford from Wallace's pass, Lawton converting from an awkward angle. Lawton then made a brilliant run and transferred to Smith who scored another try for Oxford, Lawton missing the goal by inches. Just before the interval Scott scored a try for Cambridge, Francis converting. At half-time Oxford had scored 13 and Cambridge 11. On the resumption a mistake on the part of Macpherson resulted in Oxford being penned in their own half for several minutes, then Macpherson scored a try for Oxford, Lawton converting. Then Lawton scored a try himself, failing to convert. The play was very strenuous. Cambridge were tiring but just on time a great passing movement ended in Devitt getting getting a try for Cambridge which Francis was notable to convert.

RUM-RUNNING.

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, December 11.

Reuter learns that the British and American governments are constantly exchanging views in regard to rum-running, but there is no real difference of opinion. There is general agreement on the main principles and the only question now being discussed is really the drafting which is being considered. There is the best spirit on both side and a sincere desire for agreement.

GERMAN LOAN.

AMERICA HOPEFUL.

WASHINGTON, December 11.

Following the publication of a private letter from Mr. Hoover, favouring the flotation of a \$70,000,000 German Food Loan, it is returned in the United States that the Government is hopeful that negotiations for the loan will succeed. About half of the proceeds will be expended in foodstuffs in the United States.

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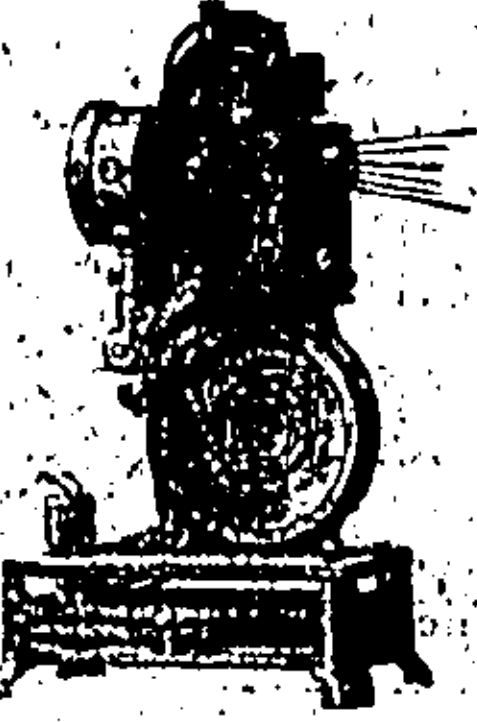
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Ma Tau Kok	1734
Mountain Lodge	1726
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1506
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Ma Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Silverado)	858
MAINLAND.	
Tai Mo Shan	8128
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cinema, and the harsh critic of
the lure of the cinema should attempt
to realise the nature of the alter-
native for the child. To the child
living in dreary streets it must be
a great joy to escape for a short
time from his drab and monotonous
surroundings, and find on the
screen something which joins up
in some mysterious way with that
fairlyland existence in which even
the dweller in mean streets loves
to dwell. In the more exciting
scenes of the cinema there is, in
fact, a great resemblance to the
fairy story.

Count Humour.
"The prisoner Jupiter," said a
witness to Mr. Waddy at Tower
Bridge court. "Mr. Waddy (cor-
recting): No, Juniper."
"I am as guilty as an angel in
heaven that I never hit him,"
declared a gipsy when fined 10s.
at Rochford for assault.

Asked at Bow County Court to
say that another woman was nasty
tempered, a witness said, "I don't
know; we all seem to forget our
own conservatory."

"What are you?" a woman was
asked at Marylebone County
Court. "I have a very interesting
but expensive occupation—the
bringing up of children," was the
reply.

A dialogue occurred at Bow
County Court. Solicitor: When
will you pay? Debtor: Can't say.
Why?—Dole. Any other debts?
—Plenty. Paying?—Nothing.

Convicted of drunkenness at
Marylebone, an old hand attributed
all his troubles to the quality of the
beer. "It's the confounded stuff
they give you to drink," he said.

Magistrate, at Thames, to wit-
ness: Do you have any trouble with
your wife?—Witness: Only the
usual troubles that a man has after
being married for fourteen years.

Describing a scene at Ilford
police station, when a man was
charged with stealing tennis balls,
a detective said, the man took
several out of his pocket, and
throwing them at the sergeant-in-
charge, shouted: "All you knock
down you can have."

In a husband and wife case at
Willesden, a solicitor arrived after
part of the evidence had been
heard, and inquired: "How far
have we got?" Clerk: "We have
not yet begun to hear of the wife's
morning, and the assault is just
about to take place."

Play Your Own Game.

Many golfers retard their pro-
gress through trying too much.
They imitate a variety of players
greater than themselves, until
their style becomes a mis-
cellaneous embodiment of bits of
other men's styles. This sort of
thing is fatal, and its stupidity
should be obvious at a glance.
I am not trying to dissuade
you from learning as you go
along, watching this man, and
that man who is acknowledged
to be a great player. What I am
insisting upon rather is that you
should advance by slow and
sure degrees along the lines that
come naturally to you.

Your own game should be
fairly developed for all it is
worth before you begin to graft
upon it points that have been
observed in watching exhibition
matches or more strenuous com-
petitions by professionals.
Now that is true of all sorts of
things besides golf. The fact is
that many of us are so anxious, be-
cause a thing is acknowledged as
good, to imitate it, that we never
get a real individuality at all.

Notable Sayings.

We have to pay for our own war
and everybody else's war as well.
—Lord Birkenhead.
The Empire works well without
machinery. I am somewhat doubt-
ful about machinery.—General
Smuts.

Though the League of Nations
may be only half a League, it is at
any rate "half a League onward."
—Sir Arthur Haworth.

Watch carefully the unpopular
cause. It is nearly always right.
—Sir Donald Maclean.
We are far from having finished
with difficulties.—M. Poincaré.

I have never come into the pos-
session of a secret that was either
worth keeping or worth giving
away.—Lord Acton.

Whenever you touch the State
you touch the devil.—Mr. H. W.
Newson.

The staple of an Englishman's
education ought to be the Eng-
lish language, literature, history,
and institutions.—Dean Inge.

India is the best customer this
country has.—Lord Peel.

The moral tone of Golders
Green is very high.—The Rev.
Hugh Trundle.
Our existing code of law is as
good and efficient a code as it is
possible for the human mind to
devise.—Lord Justice Atkin.

A Turkish National Library.
Among the intellectual move-
ments of the New Turkey is the
talk of establishing a National
Library in Constantinople. The
mosques of that city, writes Frank
G. Carpenter, who is there collect-
ing material for the Turkish
volume of his World Travel, have
been long known to have ancient
manuscripts of great value. There
is said to be more than forty
different collections in the various
mosques all of which until now
have been under the care of
illiterate Mohammedan priests
who have little idea
of their real value. Santa Sophia
has several hundred, one of which,
an illuminated parchment of the
Koran, is said to be worth its
weight in gold leaf. It is more
than a thousand years old, and
every page is a work of art in
colour and script. The manuscripts
are in Greek, Persian, Arabic, and
Latin, and some are probably in
Egyptian, for many of those of the
Alexandrian Library were stolen
when Caliph Omar took it over and
used it to kindle the fires for his
bath. Some of those scrolls may
have found their way here.
It is the story that there
are several lost books of Livy
in the old Seraglio and there
may be some early manuscripts of
the Books of the Bible. Some years
ago, a Russian scholar discovered
the first six books in manuscript
and sent them off to St. Petersburg.
Some of the manuscripts come from
the old libraries of Turkestan, in-
cluding those of Khiva and
Bokhara, and others are said to have
been sent here from Damascus and
Arabia. The Turks have from time
to time looted all the literary
centres of the Old World of the
Mediterranean and no one can tell
what may not yet remain in these
archives. There are many well
educated men among the students
and officials who are now running
the country and the idea is to
classify these collections and use
them as a part of the new govern-
ment library.

Miss Lloyd George and Reporters.
What does Mr. Lloyd George's
daughter think about? Enterpris-
ing, newspaper, reports have at-
tempted to find out by interviewing
Miss Megan Lloyd George, who
has been touring America with her
father and mother. Much amused
by the blunt, intruding personal
questions of the typical American
newspaperman, Miss Megan made
ready but reticent replies, like her
father, not telling more than she
wanted to. "What do you want to
be?" was one question. "I haven't
decided," was the answer. "Well,
are you going to get married or
go into politics? Are you in love
with anybody?" "I am not in love
now," declared Miss Megan, "and
I may either go into politics or get
married—or both." "Perhaps you
have some other sort of career in
mind—literature, the stage, the
movies, or what?" pursued another
reporter. "Perhaps I have," said
Miss Megan. "Do you approve of
women smoking cigarettes?" "I
know nothing about it, was the
reply. Then Miss Megan took a
turn at questioning her interviewer.
"Why do you represent me, such
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reporter, who was unable to
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IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.
CABLES.

The rebels control the entire coast from the Gulf of Mexico.

A revolt in Portugal has been attempted. The situation is now normal.

Oxford beat Cambridge in the Inter-Varsity rugby match by 21 points to 14.

The U. S. Senate has confirmed the appointment of Mr. Kellogg as Ambassador to Britain.

Mr. Winston Churchill is undergoing a severe cross-examination in the Douglas criminal libel case.

A message from Los Angeles announces the death of Mr. William Pinkerton, the world famous detective.

The Stock Exchange issues a warning concerning coupons and bonds in connection with certain Chinese securities.

The Cabinet has met. Mr. Ballwin will carry on at the head of the Government and will meet Parliament at the earliest possible moment.

The American Government is hopeful that the proposed German loan of \$70,000,000 will go through. It is proposed to spend half the proceeds in America on foodstuffs.

It is officially but reliably stated that the United States destroyers, *Pearl*, *Polk*, *Pillsbury*, *Preston*, *Seward* and *Nea* are leaving for Hongkong on "rush orders" from Manila.

The British and American governments are continually exchanging views regarding the question of running the American government views with favour the participation of American economic experts in a private capacity in the Reparations Commission enquiry.

A new dancing craze has seized London. Middle-aged business men are now most keen on visiting dancing academies during the daily luncheon hour. The general excuse for learning late in life is that the doctor has ordered exercise, that the wife is fond of dancing, or that it is necessary to be able to dance at the children's Christmas parties.

REQUEST BRINGS TROUBLE.

GRANDFATHER IN GRANDFATHER'S BAY.

Arrested in Ah Kung Ngau (Grandfather's Bay) for possession of 18½ sticks of dynamite, 7 detonators and a quantity of fuse, a Chinese fishing junk master, who is 55 years of age, told Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, that the explosive had been bequeathed to him by his departed Ah Kung, (Grandfather).

Acting Inspector Richard Lanigan prosecuting, said that a raid was made on defendant's craft and the explosives were found in his cabin.

Notwithstanding the man's claim to reverend associations, His Worship ordered the explosive to be confiscated and imposed a fine of \$50 or one month's hard labour.

BLANKET COVER.

ROBBERS CARE FOR VICTIMS.

Thoughtful lest the wind on the water-front should affect their victims, a gang of armed robbers who broke into a Chinese dealers' shop at No. 25, Cannan Road Central, last night, covered the inmates over with a blanket which they found in a closet. They then proceeded to ransack the shop and appropriate a sum of about \$450. Meanwhile the *fokis* on the premises had been gagged with towels. On leaving the premises, the gang was seen to make off towards the Star Ferry and disappeared in the lane between St. George's Building and York Building.

OBITUARY.

The death took place last night of Mrs. Francisca Maria Gomes de Carvalho at her residence, 152 Nathan Road Kowloon, after a short period of illness.

The deceased, a member of one of the oldest Portuguese families here, was ninety-three years of age. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. this afternoon.

Hongkong photographers will be interested in the display advertisement appearing in this issue giving details about the latest *Thornton-Pickard* and *Saxon* Cameras. Entirely British made, these cameras are second to none in the world.

TENANTS BEWARE.

RESPONSIBLE IF OWNER IS DISABLED.

LANDLORD "SAFE ENOUGH."

Disability on the part of the owner of No. 8, Rose Terrace, Kowloon, rendered it necessary for the Sanitary Department to serve a notice on the Japanese tenant, named T. Tanaka, drawing attention to the "broken and defective condition of the cement rendering on the kitchen walls" of that house.

Mr. J. Fraser, secretary to the Sanitary Board, explained what had been done to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Magistracy when a summons was heard, in which the tenant was defendant. After trying about ten times, the Department could not serve the notice on the owner and according to the Public Health and Building Ordinance, the agent becomes responsible, and failing him, the occupier.

Mr. Tanaka pleaded that he paid the rent to the landlord but he had since effected the repairs himself. This caused His Worship to remark "If he is sane enough to receive money, he is sane enough to receive a summons."

His Worship discharged defendant with a caution and advised him to apply to Mr. Fraser for advice should a similar situation arise in future.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Kowloon-Canton Railway, British Section.
HE trains leaving Kowloon at 2.52 p.m. and Shun Chun at 6.30 p.m. on SUNDAYS and Public Holidays are hereby cancelled.

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.
Kowloon, December 11, 1923.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on
SATURDAY, December 15, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at King's Building—Top Floor
A Quantity of
Office Furniture
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMEY BROS.,
Auctioneers.
12th December, 1923.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY, December 17, 1923,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street
A Quantity of
Household Furniture
Comprising:—
Brass bedstead, Oak double and single bedsteads, Dressing table, Marble top washstand, Extension dining table, Oak wardrobe with bevelled mirrors, Bookcases, Hatstands, Dinner wagon, Chesterfield couches, etc., etc.,
Also
A Few pieces of Canton Blackwood ware.
And
A Selection of Glass Ware.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Saturday, the 15th December, 1923.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMEY BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1923.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

GRAND CONCERT

by the
SOCIETY'S CHORUS & ORCHESTRA
THEATRE ROYAL
TUESDAY, December 18th, 1923,
at 9.15 p.m.

Booking now open,
ANDERSON MUSIC CO.
Prices \$3, \$2, \$1.

PEAK CLUB.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS and subscribers are notified that a Fancy Dress Ball will be held on THURSDAY, 24th January, 1924 at 9.15 p.m. The Hongkong Hotel band will be in attendance.

Further particulars will be notified later.

H. B. C. HORNELL
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 12, 1923.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale, by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of December, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND above Seven Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot 1	As per sale plan.	about 9,400	6s	320
Lot 2	As per sale plan.	about 9,400	6s	320

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale, by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of December, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND at No. 21 Cameron in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot 1	As per sale plan.	about 22,100	12s	800

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOLLAR DIRECTORY.

1924 issue

To avoid delay in publication, old and new firms are requested to send particulars at once for insertion in the 1924 issue of the Dollar Directory.

DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.

TEL. C. 22. 5, WYNDHAM ST.

THE STAR

FRIDAY, December 14 at 9.15 p.m.

GRAND CONCERT AND MINSTREL SHOW

By members of the newly formed
ST. LOUIS CLUB
and local Amateur talent

Under the distinguished patronage of

THE RIGHT REV. D. POZZONI,

Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong.

Mr. C. de Albuquerque e Castro,

Consul General for Portugal.

The Very Rev. G. Spada,

Patron, St. Louis Juvenile Club.

Popular Prices \$2 and \$1.

Booking at the Star Theatre.

LAST 2 NIGHTS OF ITALIAN GRAND OPERA

at THE STAR

TO-NIGHT at 9.15

MIGNON

THURSDAY, December, 13

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE TRAVIATA

Prices: \$3.00 & \$2.00

PLANS AT ANDERSON'S

GIVE HER SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S

IN THEIR

LADIES' DEPARTMENT

are making a special display this week of dainty articles dear to the feminine heart, and they will be pleased to help you in your selection.

Handbags, Powder Puffs, Tea Cosies, Telephone Covers, Gloves, Work Cases, Umbrellas, and Handmade Undies are among the many useful and attractive gifts.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

HOTEL BUILDINGS. PEDDER STREET.
TELEPHONE 4567.

SOMETHING NEW

FOR THE KIDDIES

"TINY TOTS"

NURSERY TUNES"

SONGS, GAMES, STORIES, ON RECORDS.

Quite an inexpensive little gift consisting of an attractively coloured album containing six selections on three 7-inch double-sided records.

EACH RECORD IS FURNISHED WITH TWO PICTURE CARDS. On one side there is a beautifully Coloured illustration of the subject. On the other side the words of the Song, Story, or Game are printed in Bold Type so that the kiddies

CAN ALL "JOIN IN THE CHORUS"

CALL AND HEAR THEM AT

ANDERSON'S.



ICY-HOT BOTTLES

GUARANTEED to keep Icy-cold for 3 days or steaming hot for 24 hours.

Large Assortment in Stock.

THE CHINA DISPENSARY,

82, QUEEN'S ROAD C. EAST OF CENTRAL MARKET.

Sole Agents:—

Suzuki & Co., Ltd.

SAKURA BEER

Alexandra Buildings.

Tel. Central 464 & 468.



A Dazzling Star's Most Dynamic Role!

SEE HER, as with splendid courage, and tempestuous disregard of grave danger, she dominates a fear crazed mob of men, women and children—to lead where brave men fear to go—into a chaos of fire, crashing earth and walls, to bring the Flame of Life—and Love—to the man she loves! A remarkable and thrilling situation!

CARL LAEMMLE presents

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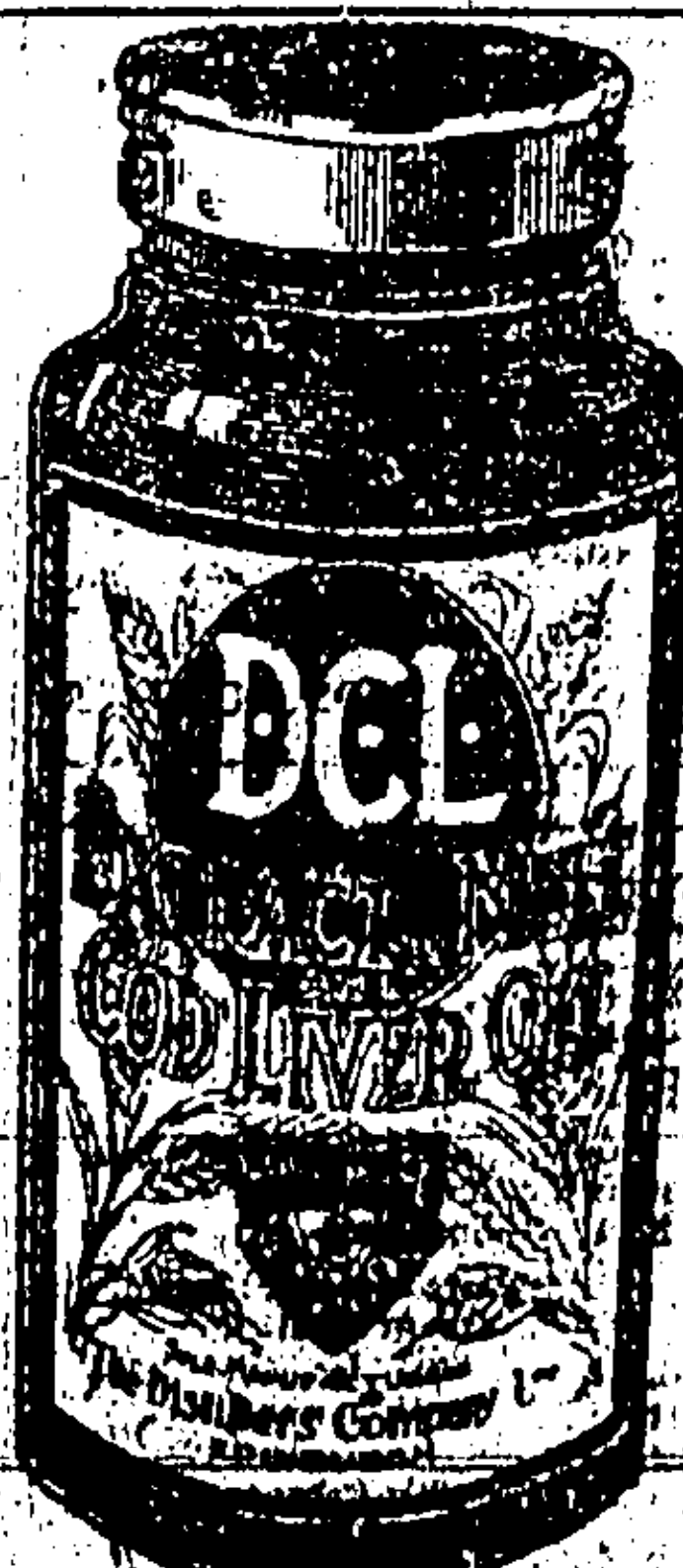
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IN A STUPENDOUS PICTURIZATION OF ONE OF

FRANCES HODGSON FURNETT'S BEST NOVELS.

"THE FLAME OF LIFE"

UNIVERSAL JEWEL FOR FOUR DAYS WORLD THEATRE BEGINNING TONIGHT



"D.C.L."

MALT EXTRACT

with

COD LIVER OIL

Is made from the finest selected Parlay and malted with the greatest care on the Company's own premises by the most scientific methods of manufacture.

THE DISTILLERS COMPANY, Ltd.

SOLE AGENTS:
GANDY, PRION & COMPANY, LTD.
Tel. Central 125. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MAJAO STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MAJAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE

Sailings: To Canton daily at 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. (Sundays 10 p.m. only). From Canton daily at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Sundays 8 p.m. only).

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MAJAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MAJAO LINE

Sailings to Majao: Daily at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (SUNDAYS 2 p.m. only). Sailings from Majao: Daily at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (SUNDAYS 2 p.m. only).

Further information may be obtained at the Company's Office, 41 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, or at the American Express Company, Hong Kong.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
NEW YORK BERTH

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON VIA SUEZ.

S.S. "KENDAL CASTLE" Sailing on or about 28th Jan.

LLOYD TRIESTINO

TAKING CARGO FOR GENOA, NAPLES, VENICE, TRIESTE

AND ALL ITALIAN PORTS

ALSO CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR

LEVANT, BLACK SEA & DANUBI PORTS.

Vessels have been re-opened for traffic, cargo is also

accepted for this port on through bills of lading.

VESSELS HAVE ACCOMMODATION FOR SALOON PASSENGERS

REDUCED FARE FROM HONGKONG TO ITALIAN PORTS 25%.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

S.S. "PERIA" Sailing on or about 2nd Jan.

S.S. "ANITA" Sailing on or about 8th Jan.

S.S. "ROSANDRA" Sailing on or about early Feb.

FOR BRINDISI, VENICE, AND TRIESTE.

Via SINGAPORE, PENANG AND COLOMBO.

DUCHESSE D'OSTA Sailing on or about 1st Jan.

"PERIA" Sailing on or about 7th Feb.

This steamer has been specially chartered to facilitate the forwarding

of cargo intended for the reconstruction of the devastated areas in Japan.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

STEAMER: Sailing from Calcutta on or about early Jan.

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.

Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to:-

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Telephone Central 1030.

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP: Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTO ESPRITO, ALEXANDRIA: Via Suez, Suez Canal, Suez and Port Said.

PANAMA MARU (Calls at Montevideo): Tuesday, 8th Jan.

BOMBAY: Via Singapore and Colombo.

BOMBA MARU: Tuesday, 20th Dec.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK: Wednesday, 2nd January.

CALCUTTA: Via Singapore and Colombo.

HONOLULU MARU: Tuesday, 11th Dec.

VICTORIA, HAWAII, PACIFIC & TONGAREVA: Via Suez and Suez Canal.

NEW YORK: Via Japan, San Francisco and Panama.

HAWAII MARU: Middle of Dec. From Shanghai.

HAWAII MARU: Sunday, 16th Dec.

KEELUNG: Sunday, 16th Dec. at 10 a.m.

AMAKU MARU: Sunday, 23rd Dec. at 10 a.m.

TAKAO: Thursday, 20th Dec. at 8 a.m.

TAKAO: Sunday, 16th Dec.

For further particulars please apply to:-

OSAKA SHOSHIN KAISHA.

K. SHIMA, Manager.

BOSTON & NEW YORK.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE

"BLUE FUNNEL" LINE

(OCEAN S.S. CO., LD. & CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO., LD.)

AND

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LD.)

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

S.S. "CITY OF ATHENS" Via Suez Canal 14th Dec.

S.S. "CALCUTTA" Via Suez Canal 23rd Dec.

S.S. "COLUMBIA" Via Suez Canal 31st Dec.

S.S. "PERIA" Via Suez Canal 15th Jan.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' Option.

Subject to change without notice.

For freight and particulars apply to

OUTERFIELD & SWIRE or THE BANK LINE, LD., HONGKONG.

(JOHN SWIRE & SONS, LTD.)

HONGKONG & CANTON HOLYOAK MASSEY & CO., LTD., CANTON.

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LTD.,
COPENHAGEN.

The M/S "AFRIKA"

will be loading for Havre, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam,

Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and other

Scandinavian Ports about 23rd December.

Further sailings: Expected on or about: Will leave Hong Kong bound on or about:

M.S. "MALAYA" 25th January 1929

M.S. "ANNAM" 20th January "

M.S. "TRANSVAAL" 10th February "

M.S. "ASIA" 1st March "

M.S. "JAVAN" 10th April "

M.S. "CHINA" 10th April "

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For further particulars please apply to:-

JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

COLLECTED DEPARTURES

SWATOW.

Dec. 12 - C. N. Newchwang.

Dec. 12 - C. N. Luchow.

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RESERVATION TOPIC.

LIVING ON THE PEAK.

CONFLICTING MUSICAL TASTES.

Following the discussion regarding the House Building Bill, the first part of which was published in yesterday's issue, there was some outspoken comment at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. M. K. Lo, and the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son taking opposite views regarding the important subject of reservations in the Colony.

In addition to the resolution opposing the proposed Building Ordinance, the agenda included discussion of the report by the Housing Commission. The latter subject was split up into two parts, the first being confined to the Commission's recommendation that the Rents (Restriction) Ordinance be continued, and the second covering reservations.

Briefly, Mr. Lo's argument was based on the statement that the marking out of reservations for Europeans was objectionable and unnecessary legislation, that it was not the result of economic stringency but tended towards racial distinction.

Alleged Race Distinction.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that in his opinion the reserving of part of Kowloon for Europeans as suggested by the Housing Commission would lead to separation of races. Chinese could not be blamed for buying property from Europeans who were under no compunction to sell. The latter were attracted by the good prices offered. If reservations were made with the understanding that any property therein could not be sold to other nationalities, that property would not have such a high value in the market. In conversation with Mr. Alabaster when the latter pressed for the Cheung Chau European reservation, he (Mr. Lo) understood Mr. Alabaster to say that when the Peak and a part of Cheung Chau were reserved, the question of more accommodation for Europeans would not be likely to arise again. He did not contend that Mr. Alabaster was authorised to speak on behalf of the European community, but his argument went to show that if the question of reservations was sanctioned it would have no ending.

"Economics, Not Distinction."

Mr. Chow said that although he agreed with Mr. Lo on a great many subjects he could not see eye to eye with him on this. It was entirely a question of economics and not racial distinction. He was in sympathy with Europeans and Portuguese living here who had no permanent home on account of the high prices paid by the Chinese. But it was purely an economical question and it also concerned the middle and lower classes of Chinese. When Europeans were pressed out of their homes they had to ask the Government for a place to live in and this was a necessity and not racial distinction. In his opinion reservation for all nationalities was quite fair but it was solely for Europeans he thought it unfair. As the Government was willing to make reservations for all classes there was no class nor race distinction. To illustrate his argument he said that 95 per cent of Hongkong property was owned by Chinese and it was not strange that people asked why everybody could live on the Peak when the Chinese could not. He was sure that if Chinese were allowed to live on the Peak nine out of ten would not do so.

Piano Intolerable.

"When Europeans get up we Chinese get to bed. We think a great deal of our fiddle and they love their piano. But they think our instrument an awful row and we say that the piano is intolerable." His policy had always been to allow others to benefit as much as they could as long as it did not harm him and he endorsed it on this occasion. There had been peace between the Europeans and Chinese for many decades in this Colony. It was no use crying out against something that did them no harm. If the position was different, like the proposed Housing Bill which had been discussed to-day, he would oppose it to the end of the world. In conclusion he pointed out that the Government need not accept the Commission's recommendations in full. If there was anything suggested that was good for Europeans but bad for Chinese he did not think the Government would put it into force.

Mr. Lo Not an Ostrich.

Mr. Lo replying, said that he strongly deprecated any rupture between Chinese and Europeans but he was not an ostrich that hid his head in the sand and took everything for granted. "It was all very well to speak of reservations for Chinese, but we form far too big a percentage of the people for anything tangible to be done." The Europeans have only themselves to blame for their position, said Mr. Lo, as they sold their property when there was no demand and only recently a sale had been put through in the Colony whereby a European sold property for over a million dollars. Why could not Europeans who were unprovided

for, form an association, apply for land and build instead of asking for a general reservation? Mr. Fletcher is agreeable to this and the forty-year lease is especially favourable for building homes. If reservations were put into force there would gradually be distinctions whereby Europeans would come first and Chinese last.

The Europeans' "Big Foot."

"I am not trying to carry the Europeans' big foot," said Mr. Chow, "but I really believe that this is purely an economic question." He pointed out that Mr. Kotewall, who was on the Housing Commission, has said that he did not agree with a reservation in Kowloon for Europeans unless similar facilities were available for Chinese. He had to disagree when Mr. Lo called it race distinction.

Shek O Not A Success.

Mr. Ho Kwong pointed out that it was not imperative for the Government to accept the report and carry it out in full. However, he disagreed with Mr. Chow on the point that it was an economic question. He said that the Shek O reservation had been unsuccessful but if Europeans wanted land they could always apply. He also opposed the reservation.

The Chairman then suggested that a resolution be put to the meeting when Mr. Lo got up to remind those present that the Chamber had always disapproved of reservations and it would seem childish if it changed its opinion now.

At this stage a number of those present left the meeting, these including Mr. Chau Siu-ki who had previously served on the Legislative Council.

Free Rent On The Peak.

Pointing out that Europeans objected to Chinese ceremonies and on the other hand the Chinese disliked European dances, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin said that even if a number of Chinese were invited to live on the Peak free of rent very few would go up there. In the same way Europeans would not live in Chinese Street (opposite the Central Fire Station). He also said that if Chinese were so keen to live on the Peak, he could not understand the action of a Chinese gentleman who recently exchanged some property on the Peak for houses in Chinatown.

Mr. Ho Kwong at once pressed Mr. Wong to give the name of the gentleman in question but the Chairman ruled that this had nothing to do with the agenda.

Meeting Against Reservations.

Mr. Ho Leung then seconded Mr. Lo's proposal that the Chamber express an opinion that it was against reservations.

On it being put to the meeting twenty-four voted for the motion and eight against, the latter including Mr. Chow Shou-son. It was decided to write to the two Chinese representatives to ask them to inform the Government of this decision.

Rents Control Ordinance.

A PLEA FOR THE TENANTS.
On the subject of the Rent's Control Ordinance, particularly in regard to the recommendation of the Housing Commission that the Ordinance be prolonged until normal conditions prevail in the Colony and there is peace in the neighbouring provinces, the Chairman said that he had heard a great deal from both owners and tenants, the former voicing dissatisfaction at its continuation and the latter fear that it would be rescinded. "Of course," pointed out Mr. Li, "a needle cannot be sharp at both ends." By this, he meant that the legislation could not benefit both sides. In his opinion the property owners, being in minority, and comprising mostly rich men, could afford to oblige the majority, but an owner could be excused for disliking the law when he could not even get back his own property. After referring to the burning question of house demolition in the Colony, Mr. Li stated that the only solution lay in calling a conference between representatives of both landlords and tenants.

The Pros And Cons.

Mr. Wong Kwong-ying pointed out that a number of houses which were not even twenty years old had been pulled down and he thought that this was unfair. Great benefit was derived from the continuation of the Ordinance as suggested by the Commission. He had canvassed the public which endorsed what he had just said.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that the Rent's Control Ordinance did not affect him in the least, but if it was to be continued till there is a change in conditions he would want to know if the present Ordinance would be left standing or a new one drawn up in its place. He stated that as it stood the Ordinance was vague in many respects and was only intended to be a temporary measure. In his opinion, it would make matters worse. Old houses were being demolished, the rentals of new houses were very high, attention was concentrated on new land

FAUST.

SUPERB PERFORMANCE.

Goethe's tragedy afforded Gohnd with probably the opportunity of his life. Last night's performance by the Italian Opera Co. was lifted from the realms of ordinary criticism, for there was nothing to criticise. With bewildering rapidity the audience was taken from one aspect of the Opera to another, from the singing of one artist to another; and so it went on until with reluctant thoughts Hongkong people had to tear themselves away to catch the last ferry. Sig. Mancini's conception of the radiantly-garbed Mephistopheles is a wonderful piece of acting, apart from his singing. It was delightful and put the finishing touch on a performance that was artistic in every degree. Faust was sweetly sung by Signor Giletta and Valentine by Signor Scamuzzi, whilst a faithful and brilliant interpretation of Marguerite was given by Middle Ambrosio. There were numerous recalls, and a degree of enthusiasm that made encores essential. The little human touch was made in including Signor Castagnolo, who directs his Orchestra and the Opera generally, in brilliant fashion, in the curtain calls. The Star Theatre is a cosy place and its comfort is beyond praise.

VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

BOY SCOUTS EFFORTS.

The China Mail is glad to give prominence to the wonderful help which is being given to those in charge of the vaccination campaign. During a period of about three weeks the ordinary Boy Scouts have vaccinated 6,300 people. During a similar period, the Sea Scouts visited about 680 native craft and vaccinated 3019 people, making a total approaching 10,000 vaccinations. The authorities are doubtless grateful for this practical evidence of the value of the Boy Scouts organisation, whilst the community should be ready to note the willingness of those in charge of the Association, and the young members themselves, to spend time and labour in true and effective citizenship. It is an example not merely to note, but to emulate.

Shortly after the funeral of an unknown woman who died at Bedworth Police Station, Warwickshire, the husband, Mr. W. E. Bailey, of Birmingham, arrived and identified her by a photograph and her clothing. She had been missing for several days.

and soon there would be no cheap rents at all.

The previous speaker differed from Mr. Lo. He claimed that the main benefit derived from the Ordinance was that there was a keen incentive to buy and build on new land and in four or five years there would be enough houses for everybody. The tenant would suffer more hardship than the landlord if the Ordinance was allowed to expire.

At this stage the Chairman said that the only thing to do would be to call a conference and the matter was left at that.

OBJECTION TO NEW BUILDING LAW.

The following is a continuation of yesterday's proceedings up to the time of our going to press. Mr. Chow undertook to ask the Government for data as to why the previous proposals were put back. "Not Enough Room For A Dog."

Mr. Lo then said he endorsed Mr. Chow's view as to the necessity of appointing a sub-committee and also said that if the proposals were put into force there would not be enough room in some of the houses for a dog to live in.

Mr. Chow's personal opinion was that the proposed legislation was unfair.

Mr. Pong-Wai-ting, chairman of the Bank of East Asia and a large property owner, submitted that the legislation affected both owners and tenants and great inconvenience would be caused thereby.

Mr. Ho Kwong proposed and Mr. T. N. Chau seconded a motion that the two Chinese Council representatives be asked to get the information and meanwhile a sub-committee be appointed. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Cat's Paws.

At this stage the Hon. Member turned round to the meeting. He appeared to all property owners to take an interest in the matter and not make cat's paws of the two representatives.

The sub-committee comprised the Chamber's executive committee together with Mr. William Hall, architect, and Messrs. Fong Ping-shan, Li Yau-chue, Pok Lok-kai, Lemg Kiat-yn, Pong Wai-ting, Chan Hui, Ip Koon-chun, Chan Siu-wa, Chan Pak-chuen, Ip Lok-kong, Kwok Chuan, Li Sing-kei, Mok Ching-king, Ng Yik-sang, Tam Wun-tong, Leung Kwai-kin and Li Su-pang, with power to add their number.

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WHAT IT IS.

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AN INSPIRING LECTURE.

THE BIBLE.

It has been charged that we Christian Scientists have a bible of our own and the charge is true. We have a Bible of our own, nearly every one of us. One Bible in a Christian Science household is not enough. Each one wants his own copy. Of course, this answer is a play on words because the accusation has been that we take the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health," with key to the Scriptures," written by the leader of the movement, Mary Baker Eddy, as our Bible. There is not a word ! truth in such an accusation, for our Bible is what is known as the King K. James translation of the Bible, which has been loved and revered by all Christian people ever since it came into existence. "Science and Health" is our commentary, if you will, the book we study our Bible with, and when you, as we have done, will study your Bible, and at the same time the Christian Science text book, you will find your Bible to be a new book. It lives! It is absolute! It is the foundation of everything that is worth while. Instead of the letter, which the Bible itself says kills, you will find the spirit of the Word, which maketh alive, you will learn what God is.

Not long ago in response to the question "who is God?" one of the little boys in a Science Sunday school replied "God isn't Who; He is What." And he expressed a great truth in his statement. We want to know "What" God is, because on the basis of "Who" God is we have found none of the spirit of the word, but rather have we found the letter, which St. Paul says "killeth." In other words, if we are content with the mere letter of the Word, it does not bring us the ability to worship God in spirit and in truth as the Bible demands.

It is however essential as Mrs. Eddy has taught us to study the letter of the Word profoundly and as the result of this study "imbody the spirit" ("Science and Health," page 430).

Christian Science is not predicated upon a few passages in the Bible. It is based upon the Bible from the first word in the first chapter of Genesis to the last word in the last chapter of Revelations, and when we study the Bible with the new

Another statement that has been made regarding the Christian Scientists is that they worship Mrs. Eddy. We worship only God, and we adore His Son, our Lord and Master, and Mrs. Eddy we love with a love and a reverential respect that mere language is utterly inadequate to express. We love her for what she has given to us. Take my own case: The physicians said that I had been born with an incurable organic disease. I had hunted everywhere in order to find relief and found none. I found nothing but the statement that I would not live to attain my majority. And then the teaching about God that Mrs. Eddy has given unto the world, came into my home, and I was led to turn to it, and was made well and free. My life had been one of misery, wretchedness, doubting, mistrust and fear. There wasn't a moment in my waking experience that I did not have a weight of fear to meet. I never knew whether I was going to have the privilege of another breath or not, and when I was made well, I learned about God. I learned about God who is Love. I learned that God did not have anything to do with my suffering and fear. I learned that they were the work of the wisdom which is foolishness with God, and when I doubted the truth about God, the doubt and fear and unbelief fell away from me like a law of unclean garments and I saw and knew about the God that is Love! The God that loves us and will protect us and care for us whenever we let Him do it. I learned that, when the psalmist said:—"Underneath are the everlasting arms," he meant just what he said, and I learned that those "everlasting arms" were holding me close to the truth that makes man free. So I came out of my misery, and I found what a measure of happiness the world does contain for anyone when in it, and not of it. I found what our Lord and Master means in all of his teachings. I found what it means to trust God. And when I speak of myself, I am speaking of the great majority of Christian Scientists. We love Mrs. Eddy because she has taught us the truth, and it has made us free. Oh! You cannot express that. It is something deep down in one's own consciousness which is too sacred for expression. There never was in this world a greater number of disciples of our Lord and Master than Mrs. Eddy. Capable of having a world-wide adulation and of being the center of the attention of all the things that the world thinks of, for twenty-five years she shut herself away in her quiet home from all of these things of the world, just that studying the Bible and gaining more of the spirit of its teaching, she might pass it on to

Another thing that has been said about us is that we do not believe in the same God that the Christian world believes in. There is only one God; just as there is only one truth. We do not believe the expression of what God is, is correctly given to the world through the wisdom of man. We do not believe for instance that heaven is a place attainable only through the "valley of the shadow." Rather do the Christian Scientists strive now to know God aright and heaven as it has been visualized in the 2nd chapter of Revelation where "St. John sees heaven with no sin, no sorrow, no sickness there—with God as the light thereof." The new heaven and the new earth with all the former things passed away. St. John, in opening his wonderful gospel, tells that "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Now, we know that the Word is not a person. We know that a word is the audible expression of the thought which accompanies and precedes it, and that thought is the activity of mind, so that if we had paraphrased it:—"In the beginning was mind, and mind was with God, and mind was God," we would simply have been giving utterance to a confirmatory statement of what the beloved disciple has told us. We come to this recognition and realization of what Christian Science gives us, and then we see why it is that the Bible appeals to us to "let that mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus." You know, when they would have given Our Master personal adulation for the wonderful works which He did, He rejected it and said,—It is not I that is doing these works, but it is the Father working in me. We know Our Master did not mean that He had another personality in him, don't we? We know that He meant it was the mind, the God-mind in him, the perfect mind, and this mind refused any recognition of that which we have termed man, which is the manifestation of imperfection, and because it refused admission to the imperfection, the perfection, as best it could be understood by the human family, presented itself, and the sick were made well, the sinners were purified and cleansed, the dead were raised, the hungry were fed, and all these things happened of which the Bible tells.

The Bible says also that God is Life, and we know that life is not a person. It says that God is Truth, and we know that truth is not a person. It says unto us that God is Love, and we know that even the human sense of love, frail as it is, transcends the sense of persons. And so, when Christian Science gives its teaching to the world about God, it is simply teaching what the Bible tells us about God, without adding anything to, and without taking anything from it.

GOD IS PRINCIPLE.

Still, somebody will say, "You Christian Scientists do teach something about God, that the Bible doesn't teach. You teach that God is Principle, and the Bible does not teach that." Well, but it does, from cover to cover when you understand what we mean by saying that God is Principle. In an illustrative way, let me ask you this question:—What is it in mathematics that, if properly used, will enable every man, woman and child on the face of the earth to get the same answer to any specific problem? It is the principle of mathematics, or its foundation, which does not change, and when one grasps that thoroughly and perfectly, he finds he is able to solve every problem whatsoever that may arise in that phase of mathematical experience. "When we refer to God as Principle, we mean that He is the foundation, that upon which all true religion and health and purity are founded; the basis; the principle that is without variability or shadow of turning; the principle that is the same, yesterday, to-day and forever; the principle that is the one altogether lovely; the principle or foundation that is of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot not look upon iniquity." Habakuk 1:13. I want to locate that lost quotation for you, because at one time a clergyman said to me it was not a quotation from the Bible but was a figment of my own imagination. Well, I read it in the Bible recently and I am sure it hasn't been removed since then. If anyone desires to confirm my quotation, he may do so by looking at the 13th verse of the first chapter of Habakuk, wherein he will find exactly the words that I have quoted, namely:—That God is of purer eyes than to behold evil; and cannot not look upon iniquity." But, Oh! How the wisdom of this world has changed its meaning relative to God, when

GOD EVER PRESENT

We Christian Scientists are learning about the God that our Lord and Master knew. We are learning about the God that we can get to at any time with any thing in the world that troubles us. We are learning about the God that is, as the Bible states, a very present help in time of trouble. We are learning that he isn't after off, and that just all we need to do is to turn from the wisdom of this world unto the wisdom of God, and our problem is met. You who may not be Christian Scientists as yet, have an experience before you when you turn to God in this way, that will be the most wonderful of all your lives. To trust God, to love Him with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind, as the Bible teaches, is just to put yourself in the shelter of divine love and know that all is well.

So we are finding the God who is Omnipotent, Omniscent and Omnipresent, not by the merely intellectual remark "To here, and To there, but by the intelligent realization that God now is, and is now.

THE ETERNITY OF MAN.

One of the most subtle things of the wisdom of this world through which it has hindered progress in the right direction, has been its teaching about the weakness of the will of the past and the willingness of the will of the future, and it has kept us so busy about these two things that it hasn't given us time to devote to the issues of the is of now. And after all, all there is, is eternally now. You cannot say that God was, and that God will be, because that indicates limitation, and God never began and never will end so He has no past and has no future, and it is in God remember, that we "live, move and have our being" so all that we may possibly consider is now, and no other time if you know that yesterday never was, and that to-morrow will never come. You know that when you stop and think about it. I had a very pertinent illustration of this fact in a very striking way when I was a small boy. Like most small boys I owned a dog, and I used to take that dog nearly every day to the store to procure food for it. Over the cashier's desk there was a little piece of cardboard, and it had printed on it this legend—"Cash to-day—credit to-morrow." And, of course, I always had to pay for my purchases to-day, and I remember there at a moment before midnight if it would still have said "cash to-day," and had I gone exactly at midnight, it would have said "cash to-day," and had I gone there at a minute after midnight, it would still have been the same. And so the man who did not believe in credit, was kind enough to say that he was perfectly willing to do a thing that he did not care to do at a time which he knew never could arrive.

SALVATION.

And on this very subject, one is led to think of salvation. It has been claimed that Christian Scientists say that they are perfect, and so evidently do not need salvation. The world does not understand that when we refer to the perfect man, we mean the man God made in his own likeness. In the wisdom of this world, there is constant questioning, constant doubt, constant fear and constant unbelief. There never was a time in the history of the world that there was such need as there is to-day for an absolute standard in obedience to the Bible. The whole effort and demand and desire of the wisdom of this world is to turn us away from God and put us on some other basis. I am sorry

FRAYER.

It had been said of us, that we Christian Scientists do not pray. Why, we do not do anything else when we are obedient to our teaching. You know, the Bible says that we are to pray without teaching. You ask the average Christian business man: "Do you know that it says in the Bible that we shall pray without ceasing?" "Yes, I know it." "Do you do it?" "Why, of course I don't. You know, I am in business. I have a store to take care of. I must buy and sell and look after my accounts. I am busy from daylight to dark, and if I were to pray all the time, I could not keep my store at all. Of course, I do not pray all the time. That cannot be what the Bible means." That is just exactly what the Bible means. The world at large has so materialised the sense of prayer that it doesn't get anywhere near to what our Lord has indicated to us. It is the prayer of the righteous man. Prayer is largely human petition for things that a man wants. It is largely selfish. Suppose you were specially endowed with the ability to listen to all of the so-called prayers being sent up to God in your immediate vicinity. Can you imagine to what a conglomeration of sound you would listen? For instance, we will assume there are two good business men, both of them Christians, in business in the same town, in the same street, with stores side by side. One of them sells umbrellas and rubbers and the other sells spring bonnets, and they both pray at the same time. You can see what would happen. The man who sells rubbers and umbrellas will pray for rain to sell his rubbers and umbrellas and the man with spring bonnets will pray for fair weather to sell his bonnets, both at the same time, and what is God going to do?

Mrs. Eddy teaches us that if the Lord's Prayer were spiritually understood, it would meet every human need, and to me the central thing of that prayer is wherein we are taught to pray "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven." And that is the Christian Science prayer. It is the prayer that his will and his

HEALING THE SICK.

I suppose the thing which has met more opposition than any other of the teachings of Christian Science is its teaching that religion heals the sick. I cannot understand why anybody should oppose it. Religion is certainly the most beautiful and wonderful and great and harmonious thing on the face of the earth. Then should we not assume that it will accomplish wonderful, harmonious and beautiful things in the world? Religion helped the sick nineteen hundred years ago. "Yes," one responds, "it did, nineteen hundred years ago. But that was Christ, and that is different." Why, isn't Christ with us now? The wisdom of this world will say: "No. You cannot see Him here. No, He isn't here. But I know that He said: 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' Which are you going to believe? The testimony of the wisdom of this world, or are you going to believe His testimony?" Then, if he spoke truly, He is here, and is with us now, and as much as ever, and He said He would send us a comforter, that He would never leave us comfortless. We may well ask of each other in the words of the scripture, "believest thou this?"

Then another person will say:—"We have been learning a lot during the past nineteen hundred years." Yes, we have. There is no doubt about that, but when one comes to contemplate the majority of things we have learned, one is reminded of the statement that "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." There is nothing that is worth while other than a spiritual understanding of God. We are not opposed to natural, necessary academics, nor to original thinking, nor to invention, but we are totally opposed to everything that does not glorify God and help to lift our thought of Christ up from the earth. The only safe foundation on which we can build, the only safe foundation upon which we can educate our children and ourselves, is the foundation of the limitlessness of God, and if anything does not admit it, then cast it out, because it is unclean. It isn't clean because it isn't true, and it makes no difference how loud the wisdom of this world may cry out in its own defence when it is trying to turn us away from God, it is foolishness with Him. Somebody else will say:—"We are still using the Word of God to heal the sick, and to-day it is working through the medicine." Is it? Is it? Then what would you say about such a situation: suppose two persons living in the same town, both sick of the same disease, attended by the same physician who is giving them medicine out of the same bottle at the same time, and one gets well and the other does not. Which under such circumstances, would you say was the Word of God acting in the medicine. Both? You cannot say that. Because the Bible teaches sweet water and bitter-do not come from the same source. You know this is true. Your common sense tells you so. Jesus had the physicians surrounding Him in His day as we have them now. You say, the world is in this position: it has to decide which it thinks has more power or authority, the Word of God or a pill, and so the world, generally speaking, says to the Word of God: "I pray that I may be excused. Come again at a more convenient season, because I am going to take a pill now, and when I get through with the pill I will come back to you again." And I say this with all respect. Some say they will pray and take a pill at the same time. "A kindred" are now divided against itself cannot stand." It is either all God or no God. It is merely a question of which wisdom we are going to accept, and which wisdom we are going to follow. Did Jesus, when He saw one approaching Him, who-by appearance-indicated that He was sick, say to such an one: "I cannot take care of you. You will have to see a doctor or take something," because you are sick? I am only taking care of those who think they are sick." No, He didn't do that. He healed everybody that came to Him, regardless of what might seem to be the character of the disease, or the disease, and all

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Do You Dread the Night?

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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CHRIST JESUS.

We say we believe in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we are sincere when we make the statement; but do we really believe in Him? He has given us a definition of what believing in God means, and what it accomplishes. And if we are not living up to it, or striving to live up to it, then, regardless of what lip service we may render, we do not believe on Him, but rather do we belong to the class which He said in latter time should call unto Him, "Lord, Lord," and his response unto them would be, "I know you not."

He said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do." So, we do not need to listen to anyone else to know what it means to believe on the Lord, Jesus Christ. He has told us Himself. And the way is before us wherein we may follow Him, and the door is open, and no man may close it—no man may shut it against us, through which we may enter into the Holy of Holies, and, knowing God as He is, may find that measure of peace that passeth understanding, which comes with the lifting of Christ up from the earth.

One of the things, above all others, which makes us know that we are in the straight and narrow way wherein our Master leads us, is the wonderful things accomplished by the little children because of the knowledge of God which has come to them through Christian Science. And may I make a reference to the narrowness of this way? You know, the way isn't narrow, except to one who wants to go through it aimlessly.

If you want to go crooked, you will keep hitting the sides, and you will think that it is narrow. If you want to go straight ahead, the road will be straight and wide, and so, when we think that the way we must follow our Lord and Master is difficult, it is because human opinion is trying to lead us into the falsity of the wisdom of this world and away from the road which leads on up to the glory and radiance of Him, "Whom to know aright is Life Eternal."

You know, the Bible tells us that except we become as a little child, we shall in no wise enter the Kingdom. And so because of the wonderful things that these children accomplish, we are gaining their

point of view relative to God. You know, the chief characteristic of a little child is acceptance. It doesn't know how, why, when, where, it is cared for but it does know that love is doing the work, and that all is well. We do not have to go away to find our kingdom. We know where it is. It isn't afar off. It is here. Because, the Bible says that the Kingdom of God and His righteousness is within, and that means, not within the human form, but it does mean within the right understanding of God and Christian Science which has shown us Eternal Life. It does not look to a future salvation, for, "this is the day of salvation; this is the day of our Lord," and the instant when we may begin to follow Him, this instant.

No, we Christian Scientists do not always succeed in the things we are striving to do. One says that he has heard of cases where people have not gotten well. But, suppose you were to go into a class room in school, where there were fifty students engaged in working to obtain the answer to some specific problem, and suppose you knew the answer, and you should go down the aisles and see the children work and see that forty-nine of them had the wrong answer, would you say: "That settles mathematics for me. If forty-nine children can get the wrong answer, that indicates to me that that there is no truth in mathematics." No, you wouldn't say that; but when you came to the one who had the right answer, you would say: "That is proof that the principle is right," and when the other forty-nine have guessed that principle as this one has, they too will get the correct answer. We are just little kindergarten children in our striving to know the infinity and tenderness of the Love God is.

But each day we are striving to come a little nearer. Each day we are loving our neighbour more as we love ourselves. Each day we are doing a little more nearly unto others as we would have them do unto us. Each day we are finding that we are making a little more progress in meeting the problems that come into everyone's everyday life and experience, and we know that the Bible tells us if we are faithful over a few things, we shall be given mastery over many. And so the promise is always before us, and even if we are faithful over a few things, we shall be given mastery over many. And so the promise is always before us, and even if the way may seem rough, even though

there may seem to be those human theories in the way, still we do know that if we press on, all our Master's promises will be fulfilled. The Bible teaches: "They shall all know Me, from the least unto the greatest." And not until we come to the attitude of the little child is such a thing possible.

I want to tell you, in conclusion, of two experiences with children that have come under my own observation. One of the children was a little boy six years of age, and in order to avoid the unpleasant repetition of "he said," I shall tell the story in the first person. This is his story:—

"One day when I was shopping for mother, Mr. Leonard, after I had bought all the things on her list I had 11 cents change left. I put it in my pocket book and put the pocket book in my pocket and picked up the things I had purchased started for the street. When I reached the store door there were so many people on the street I thought it would be best to get my money ready before I boarded the car for home. So I put my hand in my pocket and my pocket book was not there. I had to ride home because it was a long way and the things were heavy, so I decided to go back to the man I bought my things of and ask him to loan the necessary 10 cents to me. He said he would and he did. As I walked back to the door I remembered that I had learned in my Sunday School that God is everywhere so I knew my little pocket book was safe in His care and when I reached the door I saw my little pocket book just outside the door where it had been all the time in God's care. I picked it up and went back to return the 10 cents I had borrowed, but the man wouldn't take it. He said no, you are a good little boy and you may keep the 10 cents." And I wish I could convey to you just a little of the light that lit up his face as he turned and looked directly at me and said:—"So, you see, Mr. Leonard, because I trusted God, I had more when I got through than I had when I started." Oh! just for a little medium of the trust of that little boy. No doubt there, no unbelief, no questioning. Human wisdom wasn't there, but Divine wisdom was, and so he left it with God, and that solved the problem.

The other was a three-year-old girl, and I love to think of her, and so often speak of her as the little prophet. During all of her three years in the world here, she had known nothing but Christian Science, and she was blessed with

a mother who had constantly and continuously taught her about the beautiful things of God, the Love that God is and the tenderness that He is, and had taught her that no matter what seemed to be the trouble, if she just went with it to God, he would take care of it. The Mother had been afflicted all her life with what the physicians called heart disease, which had developed into quite a serious condition, and one day when she was alone with this baby girl, the most violent attack that she had ever had struck her, and she fell senseless to the floor. When she began to find herself coming back here, she felt on her face the warm, tender, little hands, and in the sweet loving voice of the baby girl, she heard:—"Say God, Mamma, say God," and that was the end of the disease. There was never another indication of it.

And that, dear friends, is what we have to do, to say "God," as the little girl said it, without there being any question as to the answer, putting it all in the everlasting arms of love, and knowing that we cannot dash our feet against a stone, cannot stumble and cannot fail, when we trust God like that absolutely.

"And a Little Child shall lead them."

LADY JARDINE'S NEPHEW. KILLED IN ITALIAN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

The victim of a motor accident near Sassari (Sardinia) was Mr. Gerald Piercy, a son of Mr. B. H. Piercy.

Mr. Piercy, who, with a companion, was driving a motor-cycle and side-car on a winding road from Nacomer to Torres, collided with a lorry travelling in the opposite direction, and was thrown out, sustaining severe concussion. He was conveyed to hospital at Sassari, where he died. Lieut. Tolu, who was travelling with Mr. Piercy, escaped without injury.

The remains were conveyed by motor car to Biddesalghes, where the funeral took place with impressive ceremony.

The deceased, who was a nephew of Lady Buchanan-Jardine, of Castlehill, Dumfriesshire, was a very popular resident in Sardinia.

By a sad coincidence, on the very day of his death, the local newspaper, "Nuova Sardegna," published an article by him pleading for the maintenance of Anglo-Italian relations.

CHARIVARIA.

SATURDAY TO MONDAY FEELING.

Canton always reminds us of a game of golf. There is generally a bad lie about it.

The news of the seizing of the Canton Customs is ascribed to an Ajmanite. Someone suggests the spelling is wrong and that it should be Ananias.

Earl Duce says he hopes to live to the end of the world. Some of our friends are not so ambitious. They are prepared to wait until rents come down or the Military Lands question is settled.

Mr. Lloyd George!

A newspaper heading is: "The High Cost of Dying." It has not been observed that the extra expense has rendered the practice any less general.

A woman who had been searching for her mad brother for over forty years, found him in a Salvation Army meeting. That's as far as the story goes.

Some of the defeated Parliamentary Candidates are describing it as the Hellocation.

In connection with protection or Tariff Reform it is said that Europe and America give Great Britain the dumps!

Dr. Sun should realise that it is difficult to change Canton's Customs.

In a Charity ballot at Rowley Regis, we read that a lady's costume was won by a man and a pair of trousers by a woman. An intelligent anticipation of future conditions surely.

We are told that rhetoric is a thing of the past in law courts. It must be because Judges incline to short sentences.

It is said that many men can't afford to get married. They don't know how well off they are.

From the number of them signed, it is proposed to call it The Ministering Chits League.

"Law relating to carriage of goods by sea in a nutshell" is the title of a

new book. There's not much in it we should imagine.

Our Educated Camp, in Saturday's *China Mail* ascribed "The Barber of Seville" to Rossini. This Robot craze is alarming.

The object of taxation, we are told, should be the raising of revenue. Instead of objections presumably.

A friend suggests the members of the Italian Grand Opera Co. would make fine bankers. Owing to their proficiency in circulating Notes presumably. They certainly do things on a grand scale.

Our Maiden Aunt thinks its very wicked of the University to appoint a Vice-Chancellor.

The news from Canton is always conflicting.

Sir Walter Parratt wants more people to learn music. He doesn't live in a flat.

Mr. A. S. M. Hutchinson is spending a quiet holiday on board a cargo vessel which sailed from Glasgow. Report has it that the boat is a collier, and that it holds are full of material for best cellars.

That ridiculous ditty has now been translated into German with the title: "Ja, wir haben keine Paradiesstagen." A rough English translation of this is: "Yes, we have the jaw ache."

"I never get drunk, but when I have a glass of beer my subconscious mind takes control of me," pleaded a man at Tottenham. We have made a note of this excuse for future use.

Another big effort is to be made to make Scotland "dry." Some people will have their little joke.

With reference to the statement recently in the *China Mail* that "capital punishment is no deterrent to murderers" we are informed that it certainly is to those who have experienced it.

The whisper of beautiful women can be heard farther than the loudest call of duty, says a French Philosopher. We agreed with this when witnessing "R.U.R." the other evening.

Definition: Golf: Marbles played with Clubs.

TYPHOONS!

LECTURE BY MR. T. F. CLAXTON.

Mr. Claxton's lecture at the Union Church Hall last night contained much important scientific data, of considerable interest to the shipping community.

Mr. Claxton said that typhoons of the Far East, in their general features, are the same as the hurricanes of the West Indies and the cyclones of the Bay of Bengal and of the South Indian Ocean. He said that though the origin of these "impressive manifestations of nature's forces," outlined the old conventional theory of the origin of tropical typhoons and explained how it should be modified and supplemented in the light of modern investigations.

If the track of typhoons in the Far East for the past 50 years were copied on a chart, Mr. Claxton said that practically the whole of the ocean area would be covered by them and a certain part of the land area, though generally speaking China. He mentioned that typhoons "travelling" westwards to Hongkong moved more quickly if they passed through the Baffinburg of Basche channels than if they passed over Luzon.

As regards the weather during the approach of a typhoon, perhaps the most striking feature was the fine weather experienced at Hongkong from the time the vessels reached the Philippines until it approached within about 200 miles of the Colony. This seemed to be the one guide to weather forecasting in Hongkong which never failed.

Mr. Claxton gave some interesting particulars of the typhoon of August 16, last and was cordially thanked for his lecture.

MOVEMENT OF SHIPS.

The B. F. s.s. "Arisis" arrived at London on Dec. 8.

The B. F. s.s. "Phylactia" from Pacific ports left Nagasaki at daylight on Dec. 9 for this port and is due here 12 days.

The B. F. s.s. "Aebule" for Pacific ports left Kobe on Dec. 11 for this port and is due here on Dec. 14.

The C.P.R. s.s. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 7 at 4 a.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 8 at 8 a.m. and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 17.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. leaves Yokohama on Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.

The A. O. L. s.s. "City of Spain" sailed from Seattle on Oct. 31 and is due here on or about Dec. 22.



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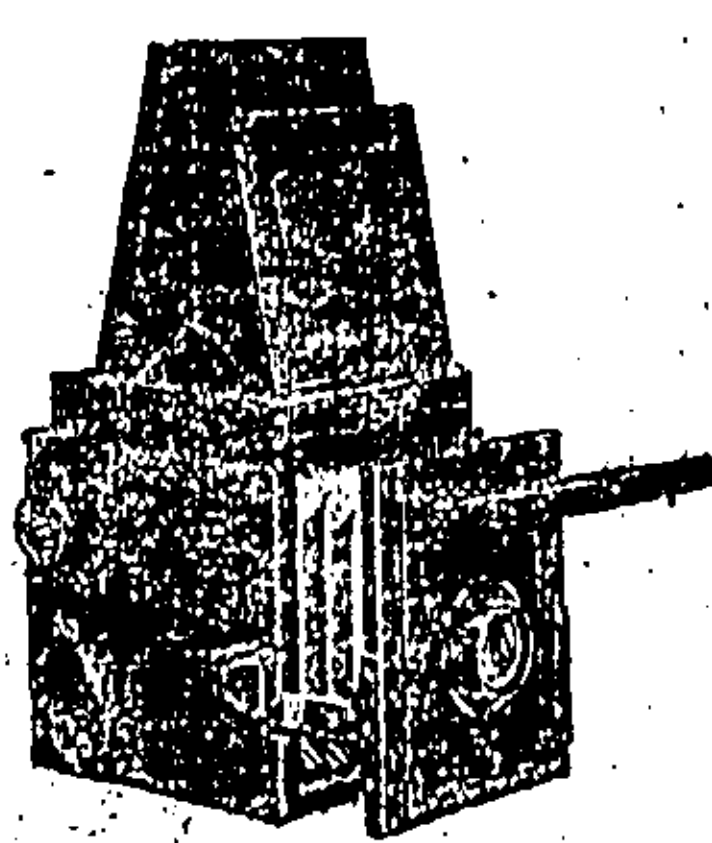
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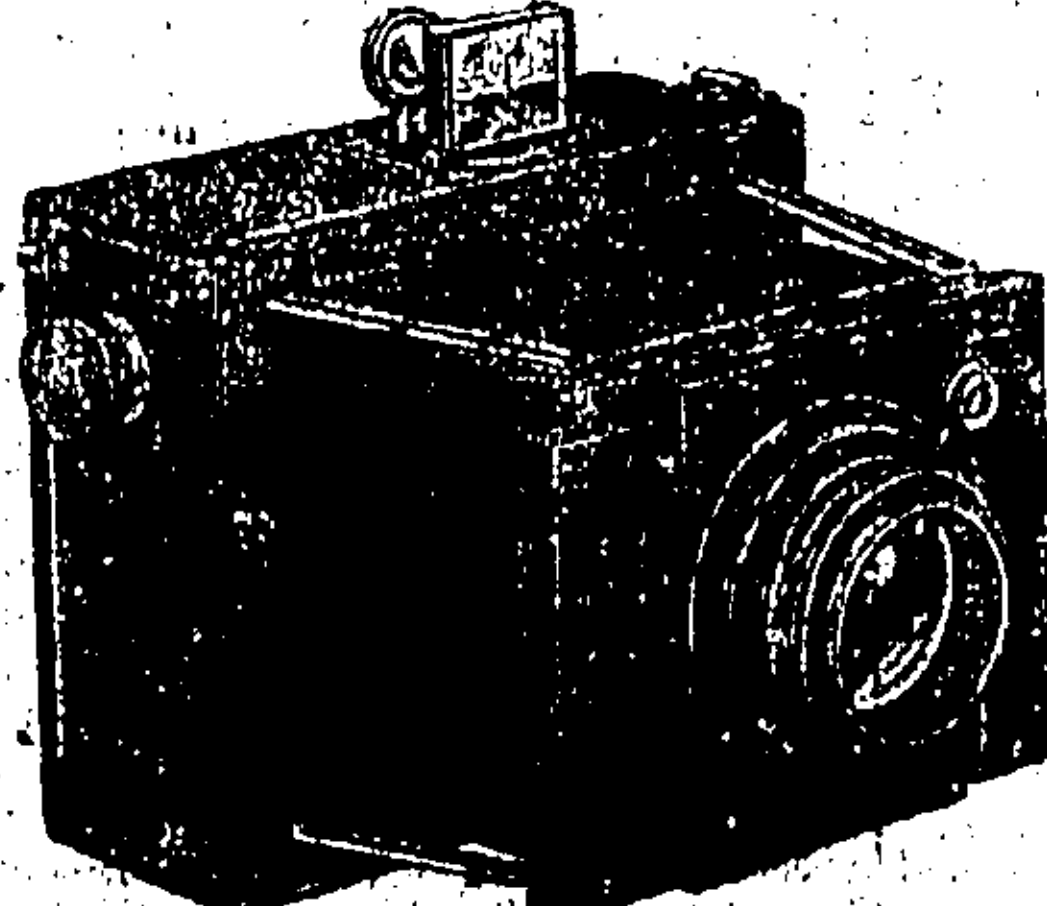


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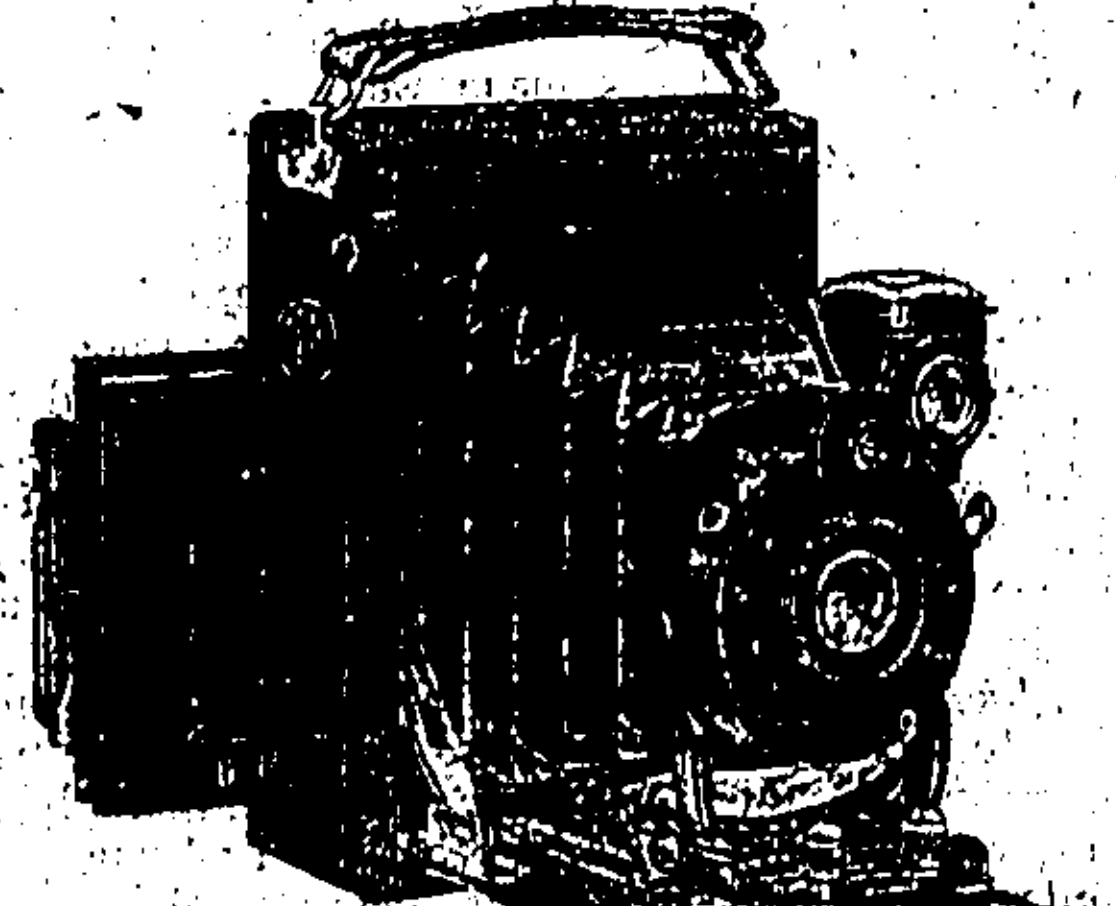
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After less than eight months of wedded life, Mrs. Cora Marie Gustison Daniz, has sued her husband, George J. Dantz, millionaire President of the Hofius Steel Equipment Company, of Seattle, Wash., for divorce and an equitable share of his fortune. She alleges that Dantz habitually absents himself from home and that when he does come in he locks himself in his own room.



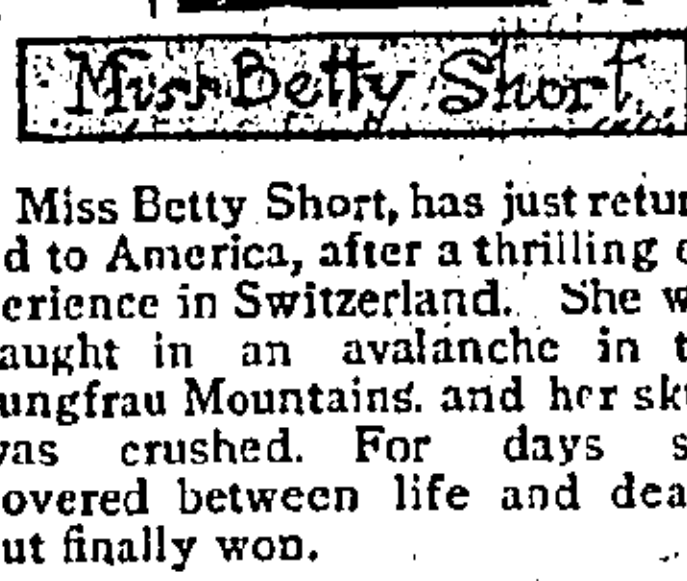
When Vernon Rolfske, of Chicago, started to get low marks in school his father thought it was due to giving too much time to his pet dog, "Tootsie." So Vernon was ordered to take "Tootsie" away and lose her. A policeman found Vernon and his dog in Lincoln Park late at night and Vernon explained he had tried to lose "Tootsie," but that she looked so unhappy he couldn't, so he stayed away from home to be with his dog. The kindly cop offered to square it at home if Vernon would make better marks in his classes. Vernon's father agreed, and Vernon is improving rapidly as a scholar.



Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, supreme power in the baseball world, is shown throwing out the first ball in the world's series between the New York Giants and the New York Yankees.



Mrs. Betsy Ross Martin, of Batesville, Ark., is a descendant of Mrs. Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag for Washington in Philadelphia. Mrs. Martin's grandmother was a niece of Mrs. Ross, and Mrs. Ross greatly resembled old pictures of her famous ancestor. Mrs. Martin lives alone and supports herself by selling small articles on the street. She was an inmate of an "old ladies" home, but left voluntarily to make room for others not able to support themselves.



Miss Betty Short, has just returned to America, after a thrilling experience in Switzerland. She was caught in an avalanche in the Jungfrau Mountains, and her skull was crushed. For days she hovered between life and death, but finally won.



Miss Sigrid Nielson, an attractive 22-year-old Danish girl, has reached New York, en route to Portland Ore., where she is to be married to Captain Hans Schiern, formerly of the Danish army. The captain inherited a fortune some time ago and came to America, buying a large ranch near Portland. Then he sent for his childhood sweetheart to make the 10,000-mile journey to wed.



Mrs. James W. Coleman, No. 1 shown above, has offered to give her husband to her rival. Coleman is reported to have married Ida Messiner, a prize-winning beauty, of Fall River, and her parents have appealed to the New York police to find the couple.



Monsignor Don Antonio Rella, conductor of the famous Choir of the Sistine Chapel, in Rome, has just arrived in New York with his choir of 54 singers, for an American tour. The Sistine is the Pope's own choir, singing only at functions at which he officiates.



Alex Kels, cattleman, shows little concern over the fact that he must pay the penalty for murdering an itinerant labourer, running his own automobile into a haystack and setting fire to it so people would think he had been killed and his wife would collect his \$105,000 insurance.



Six months ago Ouzak Brevia, of Constantinople, was wearing the Mohammedan veil, seeing no man and speaking to none. Now she is a member of the Central Executive Committee of Turkestan. Great changes have taken place in the status of women in Turkestan, Bashkaria and other Turkish provinces.



Before an audience of masters and music lovers, many of whom travelled hundreds of miles to hear him, Maestro Nini Rinaldi, 12-year-old musical prodigy, of Milan, Italy, conducted an orchestra of 250 musicians, who played his own oratorio, "The Child of St. John the Baptist." Critics declared, with a little more sarcasm, the oratorio would have been a classic. The boy, however, is beginning to show that he is spoiled, and his mother has withdrawn him from the public until he reaches an age where he can handle himself.



A new development in modern dentistry was exhibited at the Medical Exposition held at Central Hall, Westminster, London, recently. An X-ray photographic film is placed in the mouth of the patient, the X-ray machine turned on from the outside, and the developed film shows any imperfection that may exist in the patient's teeth.

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THIS PLACE LOOKS MORE LIKE A MOTIONLESS PICTURE CONCERN.

SORRY, BUT I JUST GOT WORD THAT JOHNSON WHO PLAYS THE SULTAN IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

THE GUY JOHNSON AIN'T THE ONLY SULTAN IN THE BUSINESS—THE PART IS TOO GOOD FOR HIM ANYWAY!

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SHOOT!!!

ANY PARTICULAR HOSPITAL, SIR?

ACTUAL STUDY EXTRA

YES, I'LL DUNK IN WITH JOHNSON.

